IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

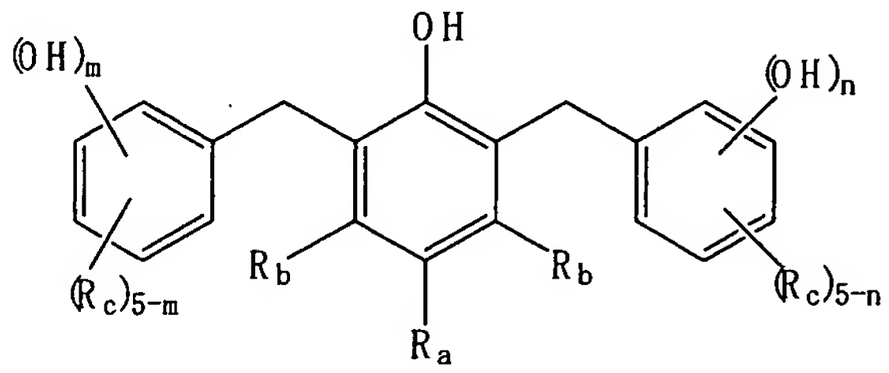
Please AMEND claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-18, 20 and 21and CANCEL claims 4, 9, 14 and 19 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A method for forming a color composition comprising:

contacting a developer with a leuco dye,

the developer comprising 50 wt% or more of a triphenolic compound (A) represented by the following general formula (1), wherein the triphenolic compound (A) comprises a triphenolic compound (B) which is a species of triphenolic compound (A) represented by the following general formula (1):

[Formula 1]



.... (1)

wherein R_a ~~is a group~~ selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having [[7]] 6 to 14 carbon atoms; R_b is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and a halogen atom, and R_b groups may be the same or different; R_c is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having [[7]] 6 to 14 carbon atoms, and two or more R_c groups, if any, may be the same or different; and m and n each represent an integer of 1 to 5,

wherein the triphenolic compound (B) has:

(a) an OH group at least at one of 4- and 4'-positions respectively in left and right aromatic rings; and

(b) a hydrogen atom as at least one of substituents adjacent to at least one of OH groups substituted in the left and right aromatic rings.

2. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the developer contains less than or equal to 30 wt. %~~a content~~ of a triphenolic compound (C) which is the triphenolic compound (A) and does not correspond to the triphenolic compound (B) ~~is 30 wt% or less~~.

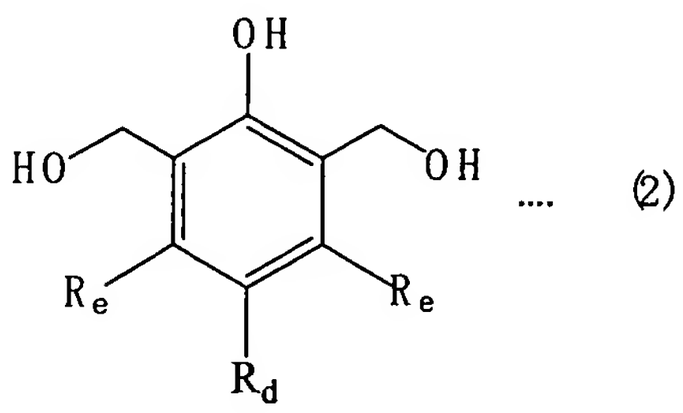
3. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the developer has ~~characterized in that~~ a ratio of a content of the triphenolic compound (B) to a content of the triphenolic compound (A) is 0.5 or more.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 1, ~~which~~ wherein the developer comprises a condensation product obtained by condensing

a p-substituted phenol derivative represented by the following general formula (2):

[Formula 2]

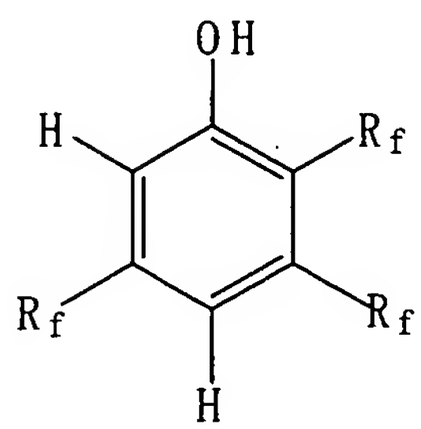


.... (2)

wherein R_d is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having [[7]] 6 to 14 carbon atoms; and R_e is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and a halogen atom, and R_e groups may be the same or different; and

at least one of a phenolic compound represented by the following general formula (3):

[Formula 3]



.... (3)

wherein R_f is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having [[7]] 6 to 14 carbon atoms, and R_f groups may be the same or different,

wherein the developer contains less than 50 wt. % based on all condensation products ~~a content~~ of a condensation product component other than the triphenolic compound (A) ~~contained in the condensation product is 50 wt% or less in relation to the total condensation product~~.

6. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~characterized in that~~ R_c groups in the formula (1) are all a hydrogen atom.

7. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 5, wherein the ~~characterized in that~~ R_f groups in the formula (3) are all a hydrogen atom.

8. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 1, further comprising adding another developer capable of making a colorless or light-colored dye precursor form a color.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The method ~~color forming material composition for recording materials~~ according to claim ~~9~~1, further comprising adding a sensitizer.

11. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 10, further comprising forming a recording material ~~formed~~ by arranging the color composition on a support ~~the color forming material composition for recording materials according to claim 10~~.

12. (currently amended) The method ~~recording material~~ according to claim 11, wherein the recording material is a thermal recording material.

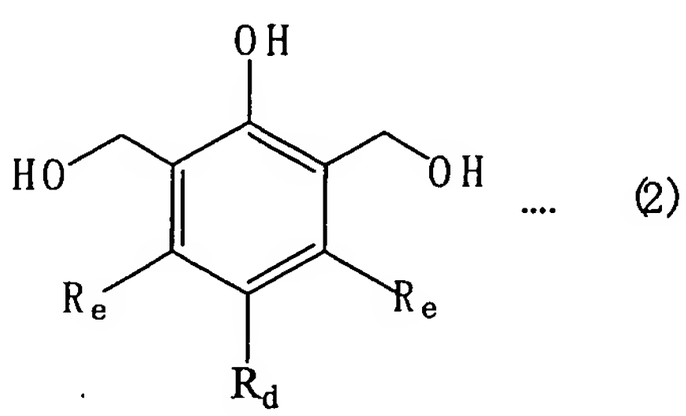
13. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 2, wherein the developer has ~~characterized in that~~ a ratio of a content of the triphenolic compound (B) to a content of the triphenolic compound (A) is 0.5 or more.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 14, ~~which~~ wherein the developer comprises a condensation product obtained by condensing

a p-substituted phenol derivative represented by the following general formula (2):

[Formula 2]

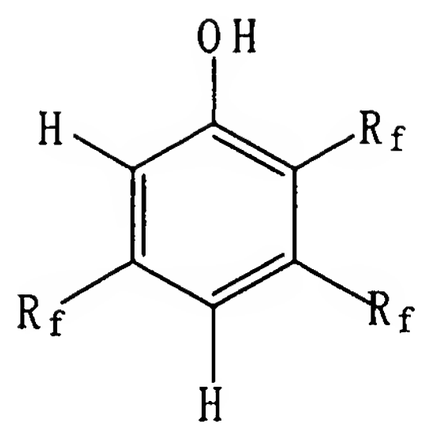


.... (2)

wherein R_d is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having [[7]] 6 to 14 carbon atoms; and R_e is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and a halogen atom, and R_e groups may be the same or different; and

at least one of a phenolic compound represented by the following general formula (3):

[Formula 3]



.... (3)

wherein R_f is ~~a group~~ selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having ~~[[7]]~~ 6 to 14 carbon atoms, and R_f groups may be the same or different,

wherein the developer contains less than 50 wt. % based on all condensation products ~~a content~~ of a condensation product component other than the triphenolic compound (A) ~~contained in the condensation product is 50 wt% or less in relation to the total condensation product~~.

16. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 15, wherein the ~~characterized in that~~ R_c groups in the formula (1) are all a hydrogen atom.

17. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 16, wherein the ~~characterized in that~~ R_f groups in the formula (3) are all a hydrogen atom.

18. (currently amended) The ~~developer~~ method according to claim 17, further comprising adding another developer capable of making a colorless or light-colored dye precursor form a color.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) The ~~color~~ method according to claim 18~~forming material composition for recording materials according to claim 19~~, further comprising adding a sensitizer.

21. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20, further comprising forming aA recording material ~~formed~~ by arranging the color composition on a support ~~the color forming material composition for recording materials according to claim 20~~.